

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowance of claims 1-44.

Various claims are being amended as shown above. No new matter is being added by virtue of the amendment to the claims.

In the office action, claims 45 and 46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by the newly cited reference, "An Automated Approach for Identifying Potential Vulnerabilities in Software" by Anup Ghosh, et al. In response to the rejection, claims 45-46 are being cancelled above. For the above-reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102.

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If the Examiner has any questions or needs any additional information, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (805) 681-5078.

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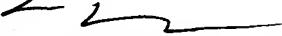
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